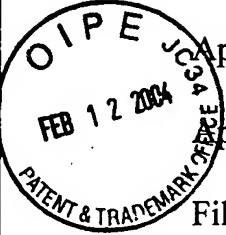


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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97-1.98, Applicants call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 6,389,011 to ALLEN, Jr. et al., filed on February 28, 2001, and issued on May 14, 2002;

Pub. No. US 2002/0064129 to SERBEST et al., filed on December 17, 2001, which was published on May 30, 2002;

U.S. Patent No. 6,101,183 to BYERS, issued on August 08, 2000; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,141,339 to KAPLAN et al., issued on October 31, 2000;

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite these documents.

The documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is attached. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and

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to return a copy of the form to the applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned applications and patents are attached. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

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